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The Address :

Rank your soldiers name
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March 15, 2006 2nd Deployment
Briefing at FRC at 6pm.

Message from Dragon 6

The holiday season is behind us and we now have the New Year to look forward to. As we venture into 2006 Dragon Company is continuing to guard key pieces of infrastructure in order to prevent attacks by Anti-Iraqi Forces (AIF). The Soldiers of Dragon Company are constantly performing at standards above my expectations and are receiving all of your support from back in the states. For that I am most grateful.

I know at the beginning of our deployment I asked for all of you to maintain contact with your Soldier, and you as well have performed above my expectations. I can't explain how much a letter from home brightens up a Soldiers day. In a mundane setting as our Soldiers tend to see, it is great to come off of patrol and break up the monotony with a letter from mom and dad, or from a friend. So for all your continued support, the Soldiers of Dragon Company and I are greatly appreciative.

Iraq is a constantly changing environment and Soldiers are tested each and every day on making decisions that can affect events much higher than realized. Recently our company has been involved in finding a weapons cache, confiscating vehicles used to emplace IEDs, and most importantly providing a safe working environment at our current location. Things are going very well, and whenever you get a chance to talk to your Soldier, ask him about it.

Something that I have failed to do in the past and have probably taken for granted is the FRG Newsletter. It is fairly easy for me to send in my comments and Soldier profiles, but the real work is done on the other end. Karla Ayala and Megan Lathrop are the ones who take the time to put the newsletter together so that all of our families have a way of staying connected. I have done a good job at thanking families, but not sure I have expressed my gratitude to Karla and Megan. In my comments this month I want to publicly say thank you to Karla and Megan for the hard work and countless hours they put forth in order to give all of our families back home a realistic and informative newsletter. I appreciate your diligence and commitment to this company. Keep up the good work.

As always in closing, your constant interaction with your Soldier and continued support brings us all a little closer. This deployment will be over before you know it but until then, continue to make it go by faster by maintaining contact with your Soldier. Thank you again, and Happy New Year!!

-CPT Neil Myres-



FYI'S



NEXT FRG MEETING

The next FRG meeting TBA.

FINAL CHANCE FOR RAKKASAN GEAR

Available for purchase are hats, long sleeve t-shirts, and sweat-shirts. Final day to order is January 18. Please see Rakkasan website for details.

Yellow Ribbon Car Magnets: 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.
Cookbooks are \$10.00.

You may purchase the cookbooks and magnets by sending a check made out to 1-187 BN FRG Fund to the following address:

Karla Ayala
4975 B Harrison Street
Fort Campbell, KY
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ROAD CONDITIONS

For road conditions on Ft Campbell you can call 798-Road or if you live on post this will be carried on channel 9.

SUPER SATURDAYS

The first Saturday of every month is known as super Saturday. You are entitled to 5 free hours at the Daycare Center. You need to be registered with CDC to use service.

HERE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your FRG Leaders and your POCs are here to help you through this deployment. Feel free to contact us with any problems or questions.

EAGLE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Fort Campbell hosts a remembrance service for fallen soldiers the second Wednesday of every month at Division Headquarters at 4:45pm. On February 8, they will be honoring two soldiers from the Leader Rakkasans (SSG Van Der Horn, Charlie Company and PFC Pfender, HHC). There will be a reception following at Cole Park Commons.

AIRLINE GATE PASSES

Once your soldier tells you what airline he is flying for midtour leave, you can go to that ticket counter and show your ID to get a pass to meet him at his gate.

BATTALION EVENTS

Mark your calendar for March 15, 2006, May 23rd, and one in September for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Deployment Briefings.

Just a Heads Up: There will be a Rakkasan Family Weekend sometime in April. More details will follow.

EMAILS

If you are interested in being added to our email roster please email me at losayalas@hotmail.com

FYI's

1. New Pharmacy Hours: Now open on Saturdays 8am to 4:30pm. Point of Contact: 798-8060.
2. Seattle's Best Coffee Shop opens at the end of January in C Entrance of Hospital 6:30am to 5pm.
3. There are scholarships available from both the enlisted spouses' club and the officers' spouses' club. Call these organizations for more information.
4. Sock Hop at Cole Parks Commons on January 21, 2006 from 10am to 2pm sponsored by the MWR.
5. February 5, 2006 is Leader Bowling at Hooper Bowling Center on post at 1pm.
6. February 23, 2006 at 10am, the Golden Rakkasan Memorial Service at Rakkasan Pylon across from the Museum. All families are invited.
7. February 23, 2006 at 6:30pm the Golden Rakkasan Los Banos Memorial Dinner will be held at Cole Park Commons. It is \$15.00/person and this fee must be paid by February 16. Make checks payable to Ft. Campbell Chapter, 11 Abn. Div. and send to:

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SPC Phillips was born in Anchorage, Alaska and raised in Rigby, Idaho. He will be celebrating his 20th Birthday coming up on the 28th of March. Jordan came to the Rakkasans in June of 2005 just prior to the unit's deployment. In his short time with Delta Company prior to our deployment, Jordan immersed himself into his job and began to perfect his skills as a platoon driver. Upon arriving in Iraq, Jordan who was part of the original 1st Platoon moved to the HQ Platoon where he would prove to be an invaluable asset. From working as a Company RTO in FOB Remagen to manning the Company observation post at Al Fatah, Jordan puts forth 110% and often more each and every day. As one of the youngest Soldiers in the company, Jordan exhibits characteristics that equal if not surpass some of the company's more senior members. His willingness to please and dedication to the company's mission has made and continues to make Jordan a critical part of this company's success. Jordan would like to say "Hello to my mother Jackie, father Dale, brothers Chase, Kade, and Tyrel, and sisters Brooke, Cree, and Keya. What's up guys, I am doing good here and doing my job the best I can. I can't wait to get back home and spend some time with you guys. I love you all very much. I also want to say hello to all my friends back home. Thanks for everyone's support, thoughts, and prayers."

SPC Jackson was born and raised in Oakland, CA. Will is going to be celebrating his 22nd Birthday coming up in April, so "Happy Birthday Will." Will came to the Rakkasans back in January 2003. He was originally assigned to Abu Company where he served as an M240 Gunner and Team Leader during OIF I. Upon returning from Iraq in 2004, Will continued to serve in Abu Company until Dragon Company was fortunate enough to add him to our family in June of 2005. Since arriving in the company, Will has used his experience from OIF I and his experience in a line company to better help prepare his Soldiers for this deployment. Currently serving as a Gunner, Will is entrusted with the single most important duty while on the road. His ability to make sound judgments at a moment's notice and battlefield patience continue to aid this company in its overall success. Will brings his knowledge of Iraq and lessons learned to the plate and has provided key insight into several situations over the course of our deployment so far. His ability to lead and wealth of knowledge make him a vital asset to this company. Dragon Company was very fortunate to get a Soldier like Will. Will would like to say, "To my girlfriend Joyce, I love you, miss you, and I'll be home soon. To my brothers Charles and Greg... I LUV and to Flaco... Paper Team for Life! Mom, Mike, and Symph I love you and thanks for everything. Last but not least, grandmother of all grandmothers, Mary Jackson... I Love You."

SPC Lathrop was born in Omaha, Nebraska and raised in Aurora, Nebraska. Eric will also be celebrating his 22nd Birthday in April so "Happy Birthday Eric." Eric arrived in the Rakkasans back in November 2002 and was immediately assigned to Delta Company where he deployed in support of OIF I. Upon returning from OIF I, SPC Lathrop continued to improve his leadership skills and prepare for the next rendezvous with destiny. Currently serving as a platoon gunner, Eric serves in one of the most difficult capacities in this company. Entrusted with split second decisions and sometimes gut feelings, Eric acts as both the eyes and ears for his vehicle while out on patrol. During day to day operations, Eric is constantly working with other Soldiers to help them improve for the well being of the company. When it comes to being a gunner, Eric stands shoulders above the rest in this company and is not quick to brag about it. Humble and quiet, Eric is a professional Soldier. Thank you Eric. Eric would like to say, "Hello to my mother Denise and father Brent, my wife's parents Pam and John (don't worry, I don't have and late returns from Blockbuster), my sister Sara, my brother-in-law Jared, Trevor and Jennifer, and my nephew Brennan. Last and most importantly, Megan I love you more than you will ever know. I'll be home soon. Take care of the fat dog. GO BIG RED!"